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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR DISCUSSES CATHOLIC-JEWISH HISTORICAL  
COMMISSION WITH CARDINAL KKASPER

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1. (C) SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED CATHOLIC-JEWISH DIALOGUE DURING A 12/18 COURTESY CALL ON PROPAGANDA FIDES CONFIDENTIAL  
PAGE 02 VATICA 06619 310931Z PRESIDENT CARDINAL WALTER KASPER. KASPER WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT A CATHOLIC-JEWISH COMMISSION OF LAY HISTORIANS WOULD

2. (C) DURING A 12/18 COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT OF THE PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN UNITY (PROPAGANDA FIDES) CARDINAL WALTER

4. (C) KASPER AVERRED THAT THE CRITICISM OF PIUS XII AS PRO-NAZI WAS WITHOUT FOUNDATION, AND THAT THE ARCHIVES WOULD EVENTUALLY BEAR THIS OUT.  
PAGE 04 VATICA 06619 310931Z "EVERYBODY KNEW EXACTLY WHAT HE MEANT." MOREOVER, KASPER SAID, "THE CONVENTS ALL AROUND HERE (ROME) WERE FULL OF J

5. (C) COMMENT: CLEARLY THE VATICAN REMAINS HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO CRITICISM OF PIUS XII, A POPE THEY ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING TO CANONIZE. KASPER SE  
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